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Re: WEGA (AM), Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Facility Identification Number: 69853
A Radio Company, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 2, 2008, on behalf of A Radio Company, Inc. ("ARC"). ARC requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 3, 2005, to operate Station WEGA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, ARC states that Station WEGA cannot presently operate in directional mode due to malfunctioning equipment; that repair efforts are hampered by swampy conditions and environmental issues at the site, and that it is negotiating to relocate its facilities.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WEGA may

¹ WEGA is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with 2.5 kilowatts daytime and 2.5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

continue to operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.625 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ARC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **May 4, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: A Radio Company, Inc.